

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed June 29, 2007, claims 1 – 10 were rejected. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 – 5, and 7 – 10, added claims 11 – 18, and canceled claims 2 and 6. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claims, the added claims, and the below-provided remarks.

For reference, the title of the application has been amended as suggested in the Office action. Claims 1, 3 – 5, and 7 – 9 have also been amended to recite “A switch” and “The switch” and claim 10 has been amended to recite “An apparatus.”

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 – 9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 6. In view of the amendments to claim 1, Applicant asserts that claim 1 is now in an allowable condition. Additionally, Applicant asserts that dependent claims 3 – 5, and 7 – 10 are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

New Claims

New claim 11 is formed by the combination of originally filed claims 1, 2, and portions of claim 6. New claim 11 does not recite the sixth through tenth transistors as recited in originally filed claim 10. Applicant asserts that Katayama et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,994,744, hereinafter Katayama) does not disclose a generator having the third through fifth transistors as recited in claim 11.

New claims 12 – 18 are essentially copies of originally filed claims 3 – 5 and 7 – 10, respectively.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments, the new claims, and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account **50-3444** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **50-3444** under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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